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SUBJECT: IAEA: JUNE BOARD MEETING: BOARD DESIGNATIONS

REF: (S) VIENNA 4612; (B) VIENNA 4444; (C) CAPE TOWN 930

1. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE MISSION'S COMMENTS ON FOLLOWING SUGGESTED TEXT OF US STATEMENT FOR RECORD IN EVENT DESIGNATION SOUTH AFRICA FOR BOARD MEMBERSHIP IS REJECTED EITHER BY ACCEPTANCE LIST OF DESIGNEES READ OUT BY CHAIRMAN OMITTING SOUTH AFRICA OR AS RESULT OF VOTE: QUOTE: THE UNITED STATES OBJECTS TO (OR ALTERNATIVELY, CANNOT CONCUR WITH)
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THE OMISSION FROM LIST OF THE NAME OF ONE MEMBER STATE WHICH CLEARLY, USING THE LANGUAGE OF ARTICLE VI A.1. OF THE STATUTE INNER QUOTE IS THE MOST ADVANCED IN THE TECHNOLOGY OF ATOMIC ENERGY INCLUDING THE PRODUCTION OF SOURCE MATERIALS END INNER QUOTE FROM ONE OF THE GEOGRAPHIC AREAS LISTED IN THIS ARTICLE AND NOT INCLUDED IN THE NINE MOST ADVANCED ON A WORLDWIDE BASIS. THROUGHOUT ITS HISTORY THIS BOARD

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HAS APPROACHED ITS BUSINESS OBJECTIVELY, MAKING EVERY EFFORT TO OBTAIN THE BASIC FACTS AND DATA NECESSARY TO ENSURE THAT ITS DECISIONS CAN NOT BE CALLED INTO QUESTION ON THE BASIS OF DOUBTFUL INTERPRETATIONS OF PROVISIONS OF OUR STATUTE. TO HELP ENSURE THE INTEGRITY OF ITS DECISIONS THE BOARD HAS SOMETIMES RESORTED TO AD HOC BOARDS OF EXPERTS OR THE GOOD

OFFICES OF ITS CHAIRMAN AND VICE CHAIRMAN TO UNRAVEL KNOTTY PROBLEMS AND ACHIEVE A CONSENSUS TO WHICH ALL MEMBERS IN GOOD CONSCIENCE COULD LEND THEIR ENDORSEMENT. THE ACTION TAKEN TODAY IS IN COMPLETE DISREGARD OF ANY EFFORT TO GATHER SUCH EVIDENCE AND WE BELIEVE THIS IS A REGRETTABLE DEPARTURE FROM THE SCRUPULOUS OBSERVANCE OF THE AGENCY'S STATUTE WHICH HAS CHARACTERIZED THIS BOARD'S ACTIONS IN THE PAST. THIS STATEMENT SHOULD BE FULLY REFLECTED IN THE RECORD. END QUOTE.

2. IF MISSION BELIEVES STATEMENT ALONG FOREGOING LINES IS ACCEPTABLE, DEPT BELIEVES IT WOULD BE USEFUL IN COURSE PRE-BOARD CONSULTATIONS SHARE TEXT WITH OTHER DELEGATIONS. DEPT WOULD ALSO APPRECIATE MISSION'S ASSESSMENT OF LIKELI-HOOD OF OTHER MEMBERS REGISTERING SIMILAR STATEMENTS.

3. ABOVE STATEMENT BASED ON ASSUMPTION, DRAWING ON MISSION REPORT IN REF (B) THAT CHAIRMAN WILL READ OUT LIST WHICH DOES NOT RPT NOT INCLUDE SOUTH AFRICA. IN THE EVENT THAT LIST INCLUDES SOUTH AFRICA AND SOUTH AFRICA'S INCLU-SION IS CHALLENGED, DELEGATION IS AUTHORIZED TO SUPPORT INCLUSION OF SOUTH AFRICA ON THE BASIS THAT CONFIDENTIAL

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EVIDENCE AVAILABLE TO US INDICATES THATSOUTH AFRICA MEETS CRITERIA OF THE STATUTE AND IS ENTITLED TO SEAT.

4. FYI. DEPT SHARES MISSION'S PERCEPTION OF POTENTIAL CONSEQUENCES SHOULD SAG, DEPRIVED OF ITS BOARD SEAT WITH-DRAW ALTOGETHER FROM PARTICIPATION IN AGENCY. WHILE SAG MAY HAVE SOME THOUGHTS ALONG THESE LINES, WE BELIEVE SAG UNLIKELY TAKE SUCH DECISION BECAUSE IT WOULD BRING NO ADVANTAGES FOR THEM. ON CONTRARY WE BELIEVE SAG MORE LIKELY SEE ADVANTAGES IN REMAIN WITHIN AGENCY AND CONTIN-UING SAFEGUARDS APPLICATION TO SOUTH AFRICAN FACILITIES PRESENT AND FUTURE TO WHICH THEY HAVE ALREADY COMMITTED THEMSELVES IN SIGNED AGREEMENTS. THIS WOULD INCLUDE THEIR OBLIGATION TO FRENCH TO ACCEPT IAEA SAFEGUARDS ON KOEBURG PROJECT. FINALLY, SOUTH AFRICANS MUST KNOW THAT ANY SUCH MOVE ON THEIR PART WOULD PLACE IN REAL JEOPARDY PRESENT AND FUTURE COOPERATION WITH US ON BILATERAL BASIS. FOR CAPE TOWN: DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE YOUR ASSESSMENT SOUTH AFRICAN INTENTIONS IF THEY LOSE SEAT ON BOARD OF GOVERNORS

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